

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: GTE MIDWEST INCORPORATED AND IOWA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.	DOCKET NO. SPU-99-29
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ORDER DENYING MOTION

(Issued January 6, 2000)

On October 20, 1999, GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE) and Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc. (ITS) (collectively, the Applicants), filed a joint application with the Utilities Board (Board) for approval of reorganization, discontinuance of service, and transfer of certificates, pursuant to IOWA CODE §§ 476.77, 476.20, and 476.29 (1999). The Board docketed the joint application as Docket No. SPU-99-29.

On December 13, 1999, GTE filed a motion requesting modification of the procedural schedule set by the Board on December 1, 1999. Specifically, GTE asks that the hearing in this matter, currently set for February 8, 2000, be re-scheduled to a date outside the period of February 2 through 12, 2000, to accommodate previous commitments of GTE's counsel.

The Board has carefully reviewed its schedule and must deny the motion. The Board has a number of hearings and other commitments throughout the relevant time period, making it impossible to re-schedule the hearing in this docket in a

manner that will permit a Board decision within the time limits set by IOWA CODE § 476.77 (1999). Accordingly, the motion will be denied.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The motion filed by GTE Midwest Incorporated on December 13, 1999, requesting modification of the procedural schedule in this docket is denied.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 6th day of January, 2000.